# NEWS FROM IRELAND

## ALL THE HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST IN THE OLD COUNTRY.

### What Is Being Done by the People at Home—Gossip From All the Counties of the Emerald Isle.

## Ulster

**ANTRIM.—With a view of disposing** of differences between the Belfast United Irish league and the Belfast Catholic association matters not settled at the recent conference will be submitted to the consideration of Michael Davitt on behalf of the league and Cardinal Logue on behalf of the Catholic association.

**A prominent name recurring in the** rumors regarding the filling up of the parliamentary vacancy in North Donegal is that of John T. Donovan, Belfast Nationalist and member of the National directory. Mr. Donovan is regarded in Nationalist circles as a safe candidate. He is a young man, but his life has been devoted to Irish politics.

**ARMAGH.—On a recent Sunday in** St. Patrick's cathedral, Armagh, Cardinal Logue administered the sacrament of confirmation to 500 children belonging to the schools in the parish of Armagh.

**On May 10 Cardinal Logue adminis**tered the sacrament of confirmation to 120 children of the parish of Tynan.

**On two nights lately were given** performances of the drama "On Erin's Shore" in Foresters' hall, Armagh. The following were the principal artists: Thomas McLaughlin, Arthur Webb, Samuel Johnston, Peter O'Hare, Patrick Grimley, Tom McCann, Frank Short, Dan Morgan, Thomas Maginnis, Vincent MacMahon, Miss Brigid O'Hanlon, Miss Rose Baird, Messrs. Joe Sherry, Joe Webb, Patrick O'Hare, James O'Neill, Patrick Evans, Terry Shiels; accompanist, O. Webb; stage manager, Mr. McDonald.

**CAVAN.—Thomas McMahon of Ser**kin, Killeevan, died recently at the age of ninety-eight years.

**The death of Miss Bridget Clarke,** daughter of Mrs. Mary Clarke, merchant, Bailieboro, took place on May 20 under very sad circumstances.

**DERRY.—Scenes of an exciting na**ture were witnessed in Coleraine recently. Jacob Taylor, a baker, became violent in the house of his cousin, Samuel Taylor, James street, and escaped from the house by a back window. He climbed a spouting and succeeded in getting to the roof, where he remained in a perilous position. He then jumped on to the roof of an outhouse, a distance of about twenty feet. Information was conveyed to the police barracks, and Taylor was arrested. He was pronounced of unsound mind by Dr. Law and conveyed to the workhouse infirmary, from which he attempted to escape, but was prevented. On his way to the police barracks Taylor escaped and ran into a butcher's shop, where he seized a cleaver, but was prevented from doing any damage. He was afterward sent to the Derry Lunatic asylum.

**Felix O'Neill, Dungiven, died May** 14.

**DONEGAL.—While Brien Douglas,** secretary of the United Irish league branch, Carndonagh, where the late Mr. O'Dougherty's remains were interred, was proceeding homeward May 22 he was waylaid by several persons, who felled him to the ground from behind with an iron bar, and while he was lying on the ground they kicked him repeatedly. His assailants then made off, leaving him almost dead on the road. Owing to his critical condition his deposition could not be taken.

**Hugh Mundy, wine and spirit mer**chant, died at Main street, Donegal, on May 13, under sudden circumstances.

**Miss Lilian Coulter, Derryherk, died** recently at the early age of twenty-five years.

**DOWN.—Simon Hanratty of Newry** died lately.

**FERMANAGH.—On May 19 a boat**ing accident occurred on Lough Erne. A boat in which were four persons, when being towed past the convent grounds, Enniskillen, capsized. They were assisted to the shore by F. Creegan, Patrick Creegan, C. Kerrigan, J. Presley and others.

**MONAGHAN. — Patrick Flanagan,** father of John Flanagan, the victim of the Clones murder, died at Burdantien, Clones, on May 4, after a long illness.

**Mr. Grue, Jr., Analore street, Clones,** while digging in his field in Altartate, Clones, the other day found at a depth of four feet an old bayonet in a good state of preservation. The blade is sixteen inches long and three sided, one side being broader than the others, tapering from an inch to a quarter of an inch.

**TYRONE. — Miss Maggie Cadden,** daughter of James Cadden, Castle street, Omagh, died May 19 at the age of eighteen.

**A dreadful accident occurred May 18** at Oritor, near Cookstown, causing terrible injuries to a lad named Thomas W. Nobbs. The lad's father was raising stones in the quarry, powder being used as an explosive. The lad was watching the preparation for blasting when the explosion took place prematurely. The little fellow's arms were broken, and amputation above the elbows was necessary. His body from the waist up was burnt with the powder. Mr. Nobbs, Sr., was also injured in the eyes and face. Rev. Kennedy Adams rendered first aid, and Dr. Crossitt dressed the wounds in a temporary manner and had the lad conveyed to the Cookstown infirmary, where both arms were amputated.

**A drowning fatality occurred in Stra**bane May 19, resulting in the loss of two lives. Thomas McGarrigle got out of his depth while bathing in the Mourne. His cries attracted John Cooke, who plunged in to save him. Both sank, and a brother of Cooke, standing at Strabane bridge, dived into the pool. He brought out McGarrigle, but life was extinct. He then made several attempts to recover the body of his brother, but failed. A crowd gathered on the scene of the sad occurrence, and Drs. McNicholl and Trimble were in attendance, but their efforts were unavailing. The body of John Cooke was subsequently recovered. He was a powerful swimmer; but, owing to the fact that he had clothes on, he became exhausted in his gallant efforts to rescue McGarrigle. The pool was twenty feet deep. Cooke was thirty-four years of age and leaves a wife and family to mourn his untimely end. McGarrigle was twenty years of age and lived with his parents.

## Munster

**CLARE.—The members of the Con**nolly branch of the United Irish league at a recent meeting elected officers as follows: President, Thomas Doohan, treasurer, Patrick Casey; secretary, James Lynch; committee, Thomas Reidy, M. Carney, M. O'Connor, M. Hanrahan, P. Frawley, J. Sullivan, T. Sullivan, P. Qualey, D. Boland, J. Reidy, J. Dillon, P. Dillon, M. Meere, T. Burke, E. Leary, P. Doohan, M. Connellan, J. Lynch, M. Boland, P. McInerney.

**CORK.—Sir James Carroll died at** Queenstown May 24.

**On May 21 a mission given by the** Rev. Father McArdle and Father Power, S. J., was brought to a close in Charleville. Each morning and evening the church was filled. Owing to the zeal of the good pastor, Rev. Canon O'Callaghan, the mission is an annual event.

**William O'Brien, M. P., has taken** Rockforest, near Mallow, for the summer. Rockforest is the residence of Sir James Cotter, baronet, a very noble mansion on the Blackwater. The house has a history, for it was at one time the residence of Lord Ludlow, regicide, who was hated by the people. It is said the crows never afterward nested in or flew over the lands.

**At the Cork stall of the all Ireland** temperance bazaar, held lately, there was an interesting exhibit, lent by Mrs. John Francis Maguire. This was a bust of Father Mathew by Foley, presented to the late John F. Maguire by the great sculptor, and has been shown for the first time in Dublin. It is a beautiful piece of work, delicate and refined in treatment, and has been admired.

**A prominent East Cork Gael and** leading Nationalist has passed away in the person of William Carroll of Aghada, whose demise at the age of fifty two years occurred May 23.

**Sister Mary Alphonsus Leahy of the** Presentation convent, Maynooth, died May 11.

**On May 25 a large gathering assem**bled to welcome Mrs. Regan on her return from Cork prison, where she had been incarcerated for a term in connection with a local agrarian dispute. A great ovation awaited her at Dromaham, where she resides. M. Sullivan presided. Those present: J. J. Fitzgerald, B. A., and Matthew Donovan, Mallow; Geoffrey Plowman, chairman, Mallow; Jeremiah Healy, P. Healy, M. O'Connell, E. Donovan, P. Barry, C. Sullivan, P. J. Hammond, J. Horgan, C. Donovan, D. Horgan, M. O'Connor, J. Sullivan, R. Harold, J. Dennehy, W. Horgan, D. Duggan, C. Flynn, T. C. O'Callighan, P. Barry, D. O'Keeffe, Con Flynn, P. Harold, J. Walsh, P. White and P. Hanlon. The chairman said he was happy to say that Mrs. Regan was none the worse for her imprisonment. He reviewed the features of the case and said they were there to bid a hearty welcome to Mrs. Regan on her return from prison. Her action was one deserving of all praise and would do much to strengthen the claims of tenant farmers. P. J. Hammond proposed and C. Sullivan seconded the following resolution: "That we give to Mrs. Regan our congratulations on her acquirement of the real hall mark of nationality and on the plucky stand which she made for her home, which stand was the cause of the month's imprisonment which she endured and from which we trust she has emerged ready to act a woman's noble part in asserting the inalienable right of the tenant farmers to hold the land which their forefathers have occupied."

**Recent Deaths in Cork.—BURKE—On** May 24, at Rosscarbery, Rev. John Burke.—O'DRISCOLL. On May 25, at Brade, Leap, Dr. Michael O'Driscoll, aged thirty-seven years.—LYHANE—On May 25, at Commeen, Carrigaline, Kate Lyhane.—GRUBB—On May 26, at 6 Smithgrove terrace, Cork, Thomas Edward Grubb, aged twenty-eight years.—O'SULLIVAN—At North Horst Mount, Kilcorney, Patrick O'Sullivan.—LYNE—On May 25, at Castle house, Castletown Berehaven, Kathleen Lyne.—O'CARROLL—On May 23, at Rostellan, Aghada, W. O'Carroll, clerk, Midleton.—O'DONNELL—On May 18, at the Ursuline convent, Thurles, Sister Mary Paul O'Donnell.—M'CAN—On May 19, at Gorey, Mary Jane McCan, National bank, Gorey, daughter of the late Daniel C. Daly of Brogeen Mills, Kanturk.—DWYER—On May 20, Mary Dwyer, daughter of the late Timothy Healy, Garrycloyne.—HUNGERFORD—On May 21, at Shanakiel, Winspeare Toye Hungerford, aged sixty-six years.—MACARDLE—On May 20, at the Rock, Midleton, Hannah Macardle.—BRADISH—On May 19, at the North infirmary, George Bradish.—MAHER—On May 20, at west end, Mallow, Mrs. Catherine Maher.—CARROLL—On May 24, at East Beach, Queenstown, Sir James Carroll, knight.—O'CONNELL—Bridget O'Connell, aged twenty-four years, daughter of W. O'Connell, Church street, Dunmanway.—LUCEY—On May 23, at 11 Lavitt's lane, Cornelius Lucey, N. T., Sundays Well.—LEE—On May 23, at 21 Water lane, Owen Lee.—HIGGINS—On May 22, at Spring Lane, Maryanne Huggins.—HORGAN—On May 21, at Incurable hospital, John Horgan of Dillon's Cross, aged nineteen.—KELLEHER—At 87 Shandon street, Daniel Kelleher, cousin to the late Rev. E. McSweeney and Dr. Twohig.—WALSH—On May 22 at Ballyfarreen, Grenagh, Kate Walsh.

**KERRY. — Rev. Father McCarthy** O'Connor, C. C., Rathmore, has been appointed parish priest of Ballymacelligott in succession to the late Rev. John Lawlor. The new parish priest is well known in Tralee, where he spent many years as curate at St. John's.

**Martin O'Connor, victualler, Bridge** street, Tralee, died on May 20.

**A fatality occurred at Scartaglin,** near Castleisland, in which a young farmer named Patrick Horgan lost his life. Deceased was driving a horse attached to a cart when the animal became unmanageable and rushed against a stone wall, against which deceased was crushed by the wheel of the cart and received injuries of such a serious character that he died next morning.

**The death of Patrick Brosnan of** Rathkenny, O'Dorney, occurred on May 20.

**On the Feast of St. Brendan, the pa**tron saint of Kerry, an interesting ceremony took place in the Mercy convent, Killarney. The young lady who received the white veil on religion Sister Mary Peters) is Miss Margaret McCarthy, Castleisland. Right Rev. Dr. Mangan officiated, assisted by the Very Rev. P. Hayes, administrator, and Rev. M. McCarthy, Caherciveen.

**LIMERICK.—The death took place** May 13 at St. Jacob's hospital, Limerick, of Sister Mary Montford, belonging to the Community of the Little Company of Mary in charge of the hospital.

**At the Convent of Mercy, Birr, on** May 20 Miss Josephine O'Connor, daughter of Joseph O'Connor, Mulgrave street, Limerick, who entered the community two years ago, was professed. Bishop of Killaloe, Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, presided.

**Patrick Noonan, Cappagh, after be**ing fifteen years out of occupation of his farm on the estate of C. Kine, has been reinstated under the new land act and is being given assistance to stock the place and improve the buildings.

**A plucky rescue from drowning was** witnessed May 21 at the grand canal lock, Limerick, close to the city. A German sailor, aged eighteen, was sitting on the bank of the canal when she slid into the water, going under the keel of a small steamer lying alongside. Her screams for help brought Denis Madden on the scene. Without waiting to divest himself of clothes or boots, he dived under the vessel and succeeded in bringing the girl to the surface. The bank is steep and the space between it and the steamer so narrow that Madden in his exhausted condition could not get her ashore had not his brother and a man named McElligott helped him. Miss Collopy was conveyed home and is doing well. This is the fifth life Madden has saved.

**The annual retreat for the members** of arch confraternity of the Holy Family in Limerick was formally opened lately at the Redemptorist church, Mount St. Alphonsus. After the rosary and prayers for the deceased and sick members a hymn was sung by the entire congregation, led by two singing sections and accompanied on the organ. That impressive ceremony having been concluded, silence reigned while the members were awaiting the appearance of some one. It was Rev. Thomas Creagh, C. SS. R., rector of the Redemptorist house, Perth, Scotland, who came to conduct the retreat. As the distinguished Limerick priest ascended the pulpit to take over the spiritual charge of the 7,000 members of the confraternity of which in years past he had been a member and which at the present time were under the charge of his brother, Rev. John Creagh, C. SS. R., he felt deeply moved at the great sight he witnessed when the members of the entire congregation rose to their feet and with their right hands uplifted as a sign of welcome rendered to him an honor only accorded to distinguished priests who visit the city from time to time.

**TIPPERARY.—There was general re**joicing at Templemore recently on the fixing of the cross which marks the completion of the new tower and spire on the Church of the Sacred Heart. The convent and church bells pealed out, and the priests and people felt very proud of their church.

**The death took place rather unex**pectedly of Thomas Ryan, at Shanakill, on May 16, at the age of seventy years.

**WATERFORD.—The death of Chris**tiania, dowager marchioness of Waterford, took place on May 19 in London.

## Leinster

**CARLOW.—In the racket court** Carlow, lately, the first match in the tournament was played. The teams competing were Patrick O'Neill and T. Moore versus William Burke and Thomas Reddy. The rubber consisted of nine games. The former won by five games to one. The scores were: 15, 14, 15, 8; 15, 11; 8, 15 and 15, 12. A second match between John Murphy and Edward Hutton versus P. Doyle and Patrick Murphy was to be played, but the latter were unable to attend. They will play in the future, and James McGrath and John J. Corcoran versus James J. Cummins and Patrick Reddy.

**A meeting of the Father John Mur**phy memorial committee was held in the town hall, Tullow, on May 21. Thomas Bolger, chairman, presiding. Present: Charles F. McNally, John Foley, treasurer, James Murphy, M. P. Maher, honorary secretary, Terence Halligan, W. L. Maher, John O'Brien, Paulville; Denis Dering, Paulville, Patrick Dawson, Patrick Moran, Thomas Brophy, John O'Brien, Patrick Kavanagh, Patrick Aughney, Edward Doyle, Rathlyon. The secretary was instructed to write to the following to address the meeting and assist at the unveiling of the memorial on Sunday, July 30: Sir Thomas Esmonde, Bart., M. P.; John Hammond, M. P.; John E. Redmond, M. P.; John Dillon, M. P., John Clancy, M. P.; Right Hon. Lord Mayor of Dublin, Michael Governey, Carlow; Michael Davitt, T. D. Sullivan, Esq., Alderman Cole, Dublin, Rev. P. F. Kavanagh, O. S. F., Wexford and others. It is hoped final arrangements shall be completed for the celebration of the historic event.

**DUBLIN.—On May 21 a public meet**ing to raise funds for the completion of the Church of the Holy Family, Aughrim street, was held in that edifice. There was a large attendance of parishioners. On the motion of C. Laughan, seconded by James McDonald the chair was taken by his grace the archbishop of Dublin. A subscription list was opened and the most generous response was made. His grace gave 500 guineas in addition to £500 previously given, the parish priest gave £100 and the curates, Father Hoey, Father O'Carroll and Father Farrington, 7 guineas each. A large number of £10 subscriptions were announced. The Vincentian Dominican and Capuchin communities also contributed.

**On May 21 the grand office and pro**cession of the sodalities took place in the Church of Our Lady of Refuge, Rathmines. The church was crowded and the office was sung with effect. The procession of the various sodalities was a most impressive ceremonial. After the procession benediction of the most holy sacrament was given by Canon Fricker.

**A very successful concert was held** recently in St. Leo's hall, Inchicore. It was organized by a committee of the residents of Kilmainham ward, the proceeds to be devoted to the relief of the distress occasioned by the dispute in the building trade in Dublin city. It was under the patronage of the right honorable the lord mayor and lady mayoress and there was a large attendance.

**The National Literary society, Dub**lin, brought a successful session to a close on May 20. There was a large gathering of musical and literary people at the function and a very enjoyable evening was passed.

**Recent Deaths in Dublin.—BEDFORD**—On May 21, Henry Bedford, Esq., M. A., late professor of All Hallows college, Dublin.—MEVOY—On May 20, at 5 Victoria terrace, N. C. road, Joseph P. McEvoy, son of the late Joseph McEvoy.—MCKENNA—On May 20, at Cliff House, Howth, Anne McKenna.—MACNEVIN—On May 20, at the Convent of Mercy, Upper Baggot street, Sister Mary Anne MacNevin, daughter of the late Richard C. MacNevin, aged thirty seven years.—MOORE—On May 20, at 17 Langrishe place, Anne Moore.—MULVANNY—At 9 Merchants quay, Marcella Mulvanny.—SHUTTLEWORTH—On May 20, at Irishtown House, Germanston, Frederick Charles Shuttleworth, aged twenty six.—TIGHE—At 2 Ard-Righ place, Arbour Hill, Thomas Tighe.—ELLIS—On May 21, at 27 St. Clement's road, Drumcondra, Elizabeth, wife of John Ellis, aged forty seven years.—KELLY—On May 22, at Bath street, Irishtown, Dublin, Richard, only son of the late Edward Kelly.—WILSON—On May 22, at 3 Cabra road, Mary Elizabeth Wilson, aged fifteen years, daughter of P. J. Wilson.—DARCY—On May 23, at 11 Stafford street, Robert Darcy of Edenderry and Smithfield, Dublin, member of the Bakers' association for many years.—DOWNEY—On May 24, at 25 Mount Eden road, Donnybrook, John Joseph Downey.

**KILDARE. — Venerable Archdeacon** Germaine passed peacefully away at the parochial house, Athy, on April 18.

**A special meeting of the St. Evans** branch of the Gaelic league was held lately in the Christian Brothers' schools, Monasterevan, to make arrangements for the feis. The Rev. J. Kane presided, and there was a full attendance of members. On the motion of the chairman, seconded by P. Dempsey, the members resolved themselves into a committee for organizing and taking charge of the feis. P. Ready, R. Cousins, M. Reid and J. Reid were appointed secretaries. Everything promises that the feis will be a successful one. The competitions include Irish language and history, choir competitions, solo singing, Irish music for brass and fife and drum bands, bagpipes, violin and flute; also dancing competitions.

**KILKENNY.—A meeting of the Kil**macow branch of the United Irish league was held lately, Michael Walsh presiding. Present: William Rockett, Walter Walsh, Patrick Kinsella, Martin Kelly, John Fitzpatrick, Michael Kinsella, John Merry, Nicholas Walsh, Michael Dunphy, John Cooke, John Kinsella and John O'Neill, honorary secretary.

**KING'S.—At the Convent of Mercy,** Birr, on May 19, Miss Josephine O'Connor, daughter of Joseph O'Connor, Mulgrave street, Limerick, who entered the community two years ago, was professed. Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty presided.

**Intelligence was received at the** Grand canal stores, Athlone, May 22, of the drowning of Thomas Devery, Portobello, Dublin, formerly of Gilen, Ferbane, son of a boat owner and employed on a hack boat, the property of Mr. Gulnan, Ferbane, plying between Ferbane and Dublin.

**LONGFORD.—On May 21 the replay** for the semifinal of the County Gaelic football championship order by county committee, was played on the park between the Ardagh St. Patricks and the Longford Leo Caseys. Some fine play was witnessed on both sides at the start. Both sides played with a will, and, though many gallant attempts were made, no further score was recorded on either side during the first half hour. During the last half hour the finest exhibition of Gaelic football ever seen in that part of the country was witnessed, and, though both sides made desperate attempts to score, neither side could gain any advantage. When final whistle sounded the score stood Longford Leo Caseys, 3 points, Ardagh St. Patricks, 1 point.

**Mrs. Farrell of Cartron, near Gran**ard, died May 20 at the age of thirty six years.

**During the running of the first race** at Longford lately a groom of H. Garrahan's named Morgan in attempting to stop a riderless horse was knocked down and picked up unconscious. He expired a few minutes after being removed to the paddock.

**LOUTH.—At the quarter sessions** lately before County Court Judge Kisbey, K. C., in Drogheda, there being no criminal business, his honor was presented with white gloves and made the usual acknowledgment, referring to the fact that for several years white gloves at Drogheda was the rule.

**QUEEN'S.—The death of Denis Dee**gan occurred at Vicarstown May 18.

**Rev. Father O'Reilly left Portarling**ton recently to take up his post as naval chaplain at Gibraltar. The people of the parish gave striking demonstrations of their deep regret at his leaving. Within a week arrangements were completed for a handsome presentation which was made on a Sunday night in the town hall. The proceedings were presided over by James Dunne. On his right sat Father O'Reilly, and among those present were Michael O'Connor, P. J. O'Donnell, W. R. C. Greene, J. McManus, T. Maloney, M. Doyle, M. Dempsey, M. H. Burke, P. P. Wright, J. Riddick, P. Moran, J. Kerins, E. Hutchinson, M. Lalor, M. Cummins, A. McKeough, A. Anthony, P. Donnelly and T. Hargroves. The chairman in making the presentation referred to Father O'Reilly's great work for the good of the parish and assured him they would remember him with gratitude. They all regretted that Father O'Reilly was leaving. They wished him a long life and happiness. Although they had now to say "Good by" they hoped he would come back again to Portarlington and see them all. He then presented Father O'Reilly with a purse of sovereigns. Father O'Reilly made suitable acknowledgment of the presentation.

**WESTMEATH.—The death of Mr.** Bruton of Dysert took place lately.

**A public meeting in connection with** the reorganizing of the Multyfarnham branch of the United Irish league has been decided on by the provisional committee, who are inviting local speakers, including Sir Walter Nugent, bart., O. Wickham and P. Connellan, vice president and honorary secretary, respectively, of the North Westmeath executive. At the last meeting, presided over by Rev. P. Murphy, Multyfarnham, the chairman said Sir Walter Nugent authorized him to say that he wished to join the United Irish league branch in Multyfarnham and that he would address a public meeting when held. He also handed him a subscription for the parliamentary fund and he (Father Murphy) would also give one himself.

**WEXFORD.—At a meeting of the** Ballagh Shamrocks club lately the following resolution, proposed by N. Murphy and seconded by N. Murray, was passed: "That we tender to Patrick Leacy our sympathy in his recent bereavement caused by the death of his mother." Mr. Leacy has always proved himself a sterling Gael and contributed his share on many a hard fought field. He competed for the championship in '98 in Barrett's park against the Volunteers.

**WICKLOW.—On May 19, by direction** of Dr. Byrne, medical officer to Kilmainham prison, James Dowling, formerly of Shaughan, Blessington, the lunatic who, in Naas workhouse asylum, caused the death of three fellow inmates named Glennon, O'Leary and Nolan, was committed to the Richmond asylum. Since the awful tragedy Dowling has not shown any violence, but he appears very much distressed, and the indications of insanity have become more pronounced.

**A special meeting of the members** of the Dwyer and McAllister memorial committee was held in Baltinglass recently. Dennis Kehoe, chairman, presided, and there were present J. Flynn, W. Hacy, P. Byrne, Sr., M. Hanrahan, M. Lawlor, M. J. O'Neill, J. Byrne, secretary, T. F. Doyle and J. T. Clarke. The secretary read letters from the secretaries of the Naas Huling and Carlow Graigue football clubs promising to take part in the tournament. Dr. Walshe, Kiltegar, wrote, mentioning that they had formed a football club in the district and stating that they would participate in the tournament. The meeting decided that the secretary ascertain if a second team of the Young Ireland club would be willing to play the Kiltegan football team. Notification was received that the G. S. and W. railway had agreed to run an excursion train to Baltinglass.

## Connaught

**GALWAY.—John Glennon died May** 18 at Gort.

**At a meeting of the clergy of the** deanery of Tuam, held in Tuam on May 20, it was proposed by Mgr. Barrett, V. G., and adopted with enthusiasm "that the bilingual programme be introduced into all national schools in the Irish speaking districts of the deanery, and the teachers will avail themselves of the exceptional facilities open to them in the Irish college at Partry."

**Most Rev. Dr. O'Dea, bishop of Clon**fert, conferred the sacrament of confirmation on 200 children belonging to the parish of Portumna. He was assisted by the Rev. J. Cunningham, Tynagh. The bishop also addressed the congregation and complimented Father Corcoran and the teachers for the excellent manner in which the children were prepared for examination.

**The death of Sister Mary Austin of** the Convent of Mercy, Loughrea, took place at that convent on May 25.

**LEITRIM.—The death of Thomas** Dulgnan, Jr., of Mohill, occurred on May 10 at the age of twenty-nine years.

**The Protestant church of Drum**keerin was lately the scene of a gay ceremony on the occasion of the marriage of Edward Monson of Derrymaquirk, Boyle, Roscommon, to Miss Emily S. Parker, daughter of John Parker, Derrinure House, Drumkeerin.

**Miss Clara Crawford, Derrinasoo,** Drumshambo, died suddenly on May 20.

**Farmers from the Carrick-on-Shan**non district of Roscommon and Leitrim state that the severe frost which prevailed recently, accompanied by a biting north wind, has destroyed the potato crop. The crop had been doing well. The stalks were well over the ground, but now lie on the ridges blackened. The oat crop has also suffered.

**Miss Hannah Brennan of Ballyham**mon, Castlecomer, died recently in the Mater Misericordia hospital, Dublin.

**MAYO.—On May 18 and 19 Most** Rev. Dr. Healy, archbishop of Tuam, visited Newport and administered the sacrament of confirmation to a large number of children. Thursday, May 18, was spent in examining the candidates, whose knowledge of the Christian doctrine was a matter of surprise to his grace. An enormous congregation crowded the spacious church at mass on Friday. A most impressive sermon on the blessed eucharist was preached by Rev. W. Kelly, C. C., Kilmeena. At the conclusion of the ceremonies his grace addressed the people and referred in eulogy to the zealous pastor of the parish, Very Rev. Canon Greally, and his assistants, Father Corcoran and Father Varden.

**Miss McDonagh, Cloonkeen, Kil**meena, died May 21 at the age of twenty three years.

**After last mass on May 21 a public** meeting was held on the chapel grounds to reorganize this branch of the United Irish league in Ballyhane. Martin Staunton, chairman of Castlebar board of guardians, occupied the chair, and among those present were: Patrick Higgins, chairman Castlebar district council, Thomas Cleary, James Ryan, Patrick Joyce, secretary; Henry Fadden, Peter Fadden, James King, Patrick Walsh, Michael Basquil, Patrick Madden, Thomas King, Patrick Jennings, Martin Skeffington, Martin Reilly, Michael Archibald and Edward Naughton. John McHale, M. C. C., D. Corcoran, jr., was also present.

**Martin Fitzpatrick, Cornfield, died** lately at the age of sixty-eight years.

**ROSCOMMON.—Acting under a spe**cial warant of the lord lieutenant, District Inspector Supple and a number of policemen visited several houses on the De Freyne estate on March 24 in search of arms. In several of the houses visited single and double barrel guns were stated to have been found and were seized by the police.

**A serious fire occurred on May 18 at** Kilronan castle, residence of the Earl of Kingston. The fire broke out in a range of hay lofts in the farmyard and the flames spread so quickly that before they could be arrested about a hundred feet of the loft had been demolished, as well as a large quantity of hay and other feeding stuff, bedding and valuable farming implements. Lord Kingston, assisted by the tenants, worked at the fire for hours. The water had to be conveyed in buckets from tanks some distance away, and this made the work of extinguishing the fire very difficult. The entire district was lit up by the flames.

**The foundation stone of Loughglynn** new church will be laid by the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, bishop of the diocese. The sermon will be preached by the Most Rev. Dr. Lyster, bishop of Achonry. There is nowhere in the west of Ireland where a new church is more needed than in Loughglynn. The present one, being built in '98, is unsuited for divine worship and is in danger of falling. As the people of the parish are everything but rich, subscriptions are invited from the good who cannot be present on the occasion. They will be gratefully received and acknowledged by either of the priests of the parish—Canon White, Father Keane and Father Doorly.

**SLIGO.—There was a large attend**ance of members of the Calry division of the A. O. H. held lately in the assembly rooms. The president, Brother William Harte, presided. On the proposition of Brother W. Harte, seconded by Brother P. Scanlon, Michael Flynn and Peter Harte were initiated. The Rev. Father Conry addressed the meeting. Arrangements were made to join Sligo brothers in giving a hearty welcome to the excursionists from Derry, Longford and Roscommon, C. Hargadon and T. O'Hara, secretaries.

**Mrs. J. McGrath, Ballinacarrow, died** on May 8.

**P. Duignan, V. P., presided at a re**cent meeting of the Keash branch of the United Irish league. Those present were: J. Boylan, M. Harte, J. Trumble, P. Ballentine, M. Costello, J. Breheny, P. Gormley, P. Scanlon, M. Henry, P. Keveney, P. O'Connor, P. Tansey, J. McDermott, T. Lavin, M. McGowan. The year's accounts were found correct. It was decided to send $40 to the parliamentary fund and other expenses to be paid. The chairman said as their year of office was up the branch ought to be dissolved. D. Crofton and M. Gray, secretaries. The branch will be reorganized in the near future.